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The Hon. John F. Kennedy  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I appreciate the interest which prompted you to send me the names and information enclosed with your letter of 25 July.

I am enclosing a brief statement in connection with each individual listed which is based on information taken directly from their records and obtained as a result of contact with their current supervisors. As you know, I have only recently reported to my present position and have no direct personal knowledge of any of the individuals concerned.

It appears to me that with one definite and one possible exception, the qualifications and abilities of these individuals have been misrepresented to you. Action is being taken in connection with the exceptions as rapidly and equitably as justice and Civil Service Commission regulations will permit.

I do understand your thoughtfulness in referring matters of this nature to me personally, and I am sure you will agree with me that age should not be a bar to the advancement of competent individuals who demonstrate their capabilities by assuming responsibility and getting results on their jobs.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time for any service or information which I may be able to give you.

Sincerely,

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R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral  
Director of Central Intelligence

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July 25, 1947

Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter  
Director of Central Intelligence  
2430 "E" Street, NW  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

These are the names about which I spoke to you today.  
As you suggested, I am taking the liberty of sending them to  
you.

I have not been able to check this information, so  
the authenticity is unknown to me.

It is my understanding that Personnel Administration  
covers property control, checks on incidentals, and deals with  
the appointment of personnel but has nothing to do with the  
security positions.

It seems to me these ratings of grades 14 and 15  
are abnormally high and that such positions are usually filled  
by Civil Service employees, who have long years of experience  
under the merit system.

I hope you will understand I am not attempting in  
any way to interfere with the job you are doing, and my only  
thought is that this information may be of some assistance to  
you in your work.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John F. Kennedy

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